



**PATRICK J. WHITEFORD
SHERIFF**

**COUNTY OF KALKASKA
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
P. O. Box 1119 – 605 North Birch Street
KALKASKA, MICHIGAN 49646
(231) 258-8686**

**TBD
UNDERSHERIFF**

IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE; Fatal Snowmobile Accident

DATE OF RELEASE: January 4, 2016

DATE OCCURRED: January 3, 2016

LOCATION: Elk Lane, Coldsprings Twp., Kalkaska County, MI

VICTIM: Jacob Matthew Schaedler 17 YR Old Male

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that on 1/3/16 at approximately 8:30am, 17 year old Jacob Matthew Schaedler from Tecumseh, MI was riding a 2002 Arctic Cat snowmobile on Elk Lane in Coldsprings Township. Schaedler lost control of the snowmobile he was driving, went off the trail and crashed into a tree ejecting him from the snowmobile. Deputies from the Kalkaska Sheriff Office, Frederic EMS and Station 6 Rescue responded to the scene to assist. Schaedler was pronounced dead at the scene.

Deputies determined that speed was a factor in the crash and also noted that the male driver was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash.

APPROVED BY;

PAT WHITEFORD, SHERIFF